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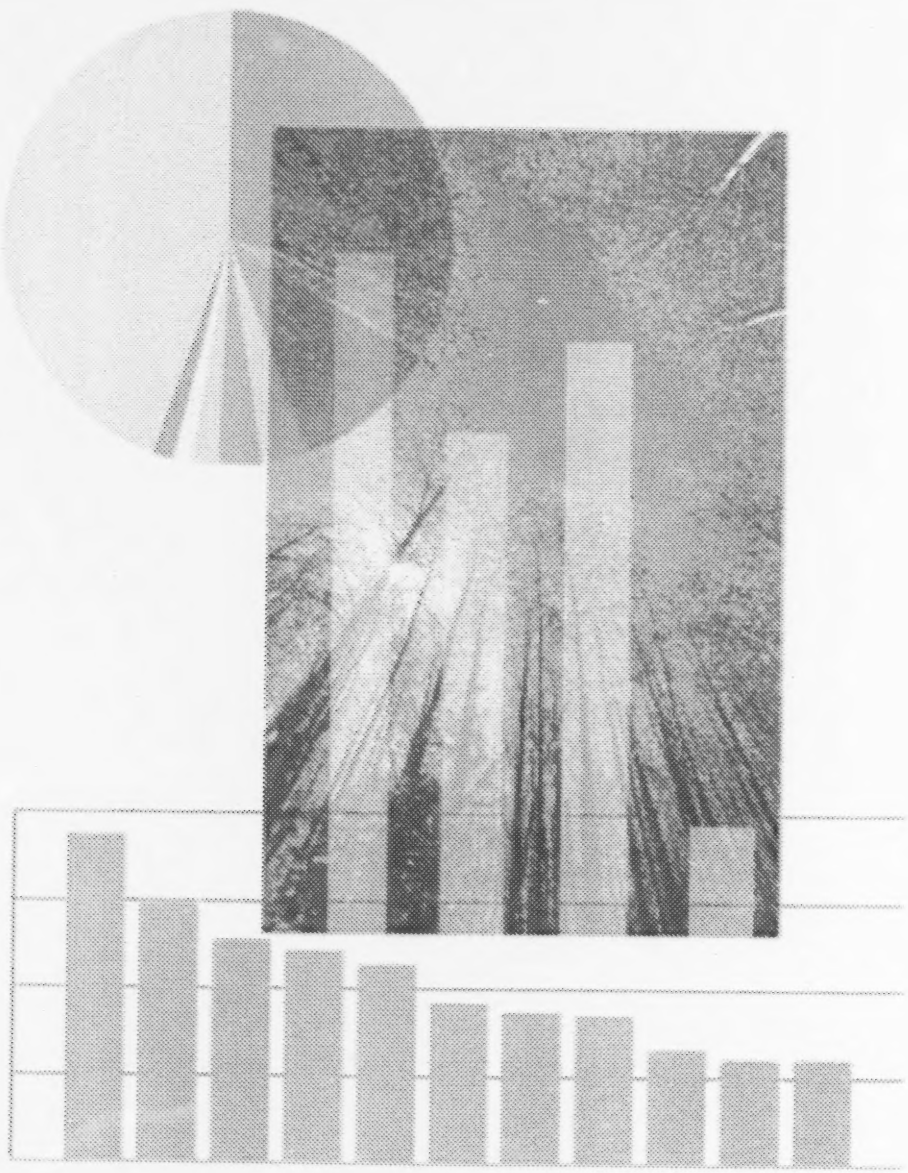
Nova Scotia at a Glance 2003



Government

Lieutenant Governor: Honourable Myra A. Freeman
Premier: Honourable John F. Hamm

Nova Scotia was one of the four original provinces to join Confederation in 1867.

At August 2003 the standings of the parties were:

Provincial Legislature	House of Commons	Canadian Senate
52 Seats	301 Seats	105 Seats
25 Progressive Conservative	11 Nova Scotia Members	9 Nova Scotia Senators
12 Liberal		1 Vacant
15 New Democrat		

Estimates - Province of Nova Scotia Budgetary Summary (April 3, 2003 $ Thousands)

	Actual 2001-02	Estimate 2002-03	Forecast 2002-03	Estimate 2003-2004
Ordinary Revenue	**5,240,102**	**5,331,837**	**5,423,359**	**5,628,516**
Net Expenses				
Net Program Expenses	4,472,149	4,512,724	4,570,054	4,756,480
Pension Valuation Adjustment	(66,773)	(50,000)	(23,000)	(13,600)
Net Debt Servicing Costs	949,179	890,313	883,126	892,793
	5,354,555	**5,353,037**	**5,430,180**	**5,635,673**
	(114,453)	**(21,200)**	**(6,821)**	**(7,157)**
Consolidation and Accounting Adjustments for Government Service Organizations	**(279,665)**	–	**(1,200)**	–
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Net Income (Losses) for Government Businesses Enterprises	**308,898**	**22,500**	**22,500**	**10,000**
Unusual Item				
Nova Scotia Resources Ltd.	30,816	–	–	–
Nova Scotia Innovation Corp	176			
Provincial Surplus (Deficit)	**(54,228)**	**1,300**	**14,479**	**2,843**

Demography

Population (July 1 Estimates)

	1986	1991	1996	2002
Nova Scotia	889,321	915,068	931,235	944,765

In 2002 the province comprised 3.0% of the total Canadian population. The population density was 17.9 persons per square kilometre.

Population by Age and Sex (July 1, 2002 Estimate)

Age	Males	Females	Total
0-14	83,859	80,332	164,191
15-24	64,478	62,236	126,714
25-44	140,363	142,383	282,746
45-64	120,263	122,518	242,781
65+	54,060	74,273	128,333
Total	**463,023**	**481,742**	**944,765**

Vital Statistics

	1998	2002
Live Births	9,595	8,854
Deaths	8,068	8,227
Marriages	5,134	5,346
Divorces	1,933	2,049*

** 2001 Data*

Population of Nova Scotia Counties (July 1 Estimates)

	1991	1996	2001
Annapolis	24,004	22,818	22,389
Antigonish	19,530	19,993	20,262
Cape Breton	121,880	120,360	113,154
Colchester	48,470	50,432	51,064
Cumberland	34,820	34,562	33,634
Digby	21,565	20,958	20,625
Guysborough	11,871	11,142	10,017
Halifax	337,085	352,153	370,998
Hants	38,496	40,440	42,666
Inverness	21,937	21,378	21,080
Kings	57,338	60,661	61,794
Lunenburg	48,360	48,587	49,602
Pictou	50,417	49,819	49,473
Queens	13,110	12,698	12,213
Richmond	11,409	11,258	10,733
Shelburne	17,605	17,393	16,937
Victoria	8,828	8,697	8,477
Yarmouth	28,343	27,881	27,573

Population of Cities and Towns – 5,000+ (July 1 Estimates)

	1991	1996	2001
Halifax City	116,795	117,173	118,095
Dartmouth City	69,123	67,376	65,975
Bedford	11,812	13,972	16,603
Truro	11,882	12,241	12,264
New Glasgow	10,059	10,039	10,060
Amherst	9,915	9,917	9,718
Bridgewater	7,351	7,504	7,778
Yarmouth	7,908	7,723	7,565
Kentville	5,597	5,675	5,536
Stellarton	5,312	5,073	4,865

The Economy

Gross Domestic Product ($ Millions)

	1996	1999	2002
Current Dollars	19,512	22,970	26,193
Constant 1997 Dollars	19,529	22,247	24,108

Civil Labour Force and Employment

	1996	2002
Population 15+	724,700	755,600
Labour Force	431,100	474,200
Employed	378,100	428,400
Unemployed	53,000	45,800
Unemployment Rate	12.3%	9.7%
Participation Rate	59.5%	62.8%

Selection of the Largest Employers by Employment Range

Public	Private
5,000+	*5,000+*
Government of Canada	
Government of Nova Scotia	
2,500-4,999	*2,500-4,999*
Canada Post Corporation	Atlantic Wholesalers
Dalhousie University	Aliant
Halifax Regional Municipality	Michelin North America (Cda) Inc.
Halifax Regional School Board	Sobeys Inc.
Western Regional Health Board	
1,000-2,499	*1,000-2,499*
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board	Bank of Nova Scotia
Canadian Corps of Commissionaires	IMP Group Ltd
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Royal Bank of Canada
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board	Nova Scotia Power Inc.
Central Regional Health Board	Trenton Works Ltd.
Chignecto-Central Regional Health Board	EDS Canada Inc
Eastern Regional Health Board	Convergys Customer Management Centre
Northern Regional Health Board	Selectron Customer Management Centre
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	
Southwest Regional School Board	
Strait Regional School Board	

Taxation

Nova Scotia offers a competitive tax structure for corporations. The 16% general rate is competitive with most other provinces. Nova Scotia's 15% fully refundable R&D credit is among the most generous in the country and the Small Business Corporate Tax rate is 5%. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency collects Nova Scotia's Income Tax so firms need only file a single return – at any Canada Customs and Revenue Agency office in the country. There is no payroll tax. The sales tax is harmonized with the Federal value-added tax, the goods and service tax, and therefore, offers input tax credits to suppliers of taxable sales.

Consumer Price Index – All Items

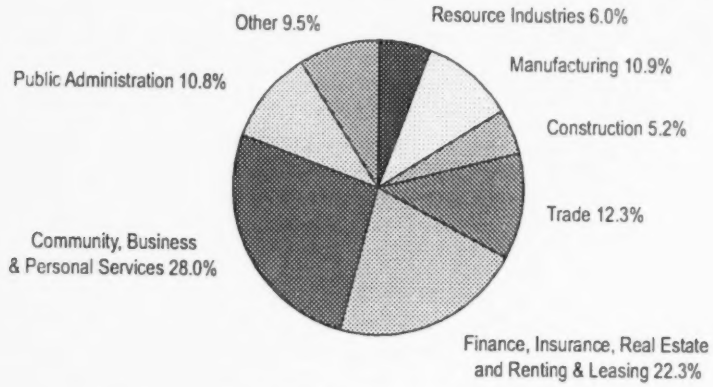
	Index 1992=100		Annual % Change	
	1996	2002	1996	2002
Nova Scotia	105.6	119.8	1.7	3.0
Canada	105.9	119.0	1.6	2.2

Incomes

	1996	Most Current
Personal Income per Capita	$19,951	$25,156 (2002)
Average Family Income	41,809	47,005 (2001)
Average Income per Tax Filer	22,721	26,541 (2000)
Average Weekly Wage	533.00	590.68 (2002)
Minimum Wage effective Oct. 1, 2003		$6.25/hr (experienced)

Sectors Overview

Gross Domestic Product by Industry –2002



Gross Domestic Product by Industry (S Millions 1997)

	1998	2002
Goods Producing	4,424	5,184
Resource Industries	880	1,258
Utilities	486	567
Manufacturing	1,956	2,275
Construction	1,102	1,084
Service Producing	14,654	16,702
Transportation and Warehousing	841	929
Trade	2,109	2,563
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate, and Renting & Leasing	4,132	4,649
Community, Business & Personal Services	4,979	5,830
Public Administration	2,154	2,244
Other Service	439	487
Total*	**19,079**	**21,887**

** Figures may not add due to rounding*

Employment by Industry (Thousands)

	1998	2002
Goods Producing	*88.0*	*94.1*
Agriculture	6.9	6.8
Other Primary	16.0	13.4
Utilities	1.8	2.7
Manufacturing	42.0	45.9
Construction	21.3	25.3
Service Producing	*310.9*	*334.3*
Transportation & Warehousing	18.7	20.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	68.7	76.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	23.8	21.5
Community, Business & Personal Services	170.1	193.2
Public Administration[1]	29.6	23.1
Total Employment	**398.9**	**428.4**

'Numbers do not total due to rounding
[1]Excludes defense

Number of Businesses and Employment by Sector (1999)

	No. of Businesses	Employment[1]
Mines, Quarries & Oil Wells	88	5,200
Other Primary Sectors	4,027	10,400
Manufacturing	2,292	42,100
Construction	3,612	16,100
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	1,508	23,100
Wholesale Trade	2,221	17,900
Retail Trade	4,485	54,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,679	21,600
Community, Business&Personal Services	12,780	124,600
Public Administration	186	49,900
Not Classified	260	2,200
All Business	**33,138**	**367,200**

Average full-time, full-year equivalent employment

Goods Producing Sector

Agriculture

Number of Census Farms

	1991	1996	2001[1]
Number	3,980	4,453	3,923

[1]Excludes "Christmas tree only" farms

Farm Cash Receipts (S Thousands)

	1998	2002
Crops	96,483	111,703
Cattle & Calves	29,096	29,839
Hogs	26,203	29,883
Dairy Products	91,223	93,410
Poultry	54,800	57,136
Eggs	19,655	23,432
Forest & Maple Products	24,855	24,389
Other Livestock & Products	18,706	26,990
Payments	14,143	11,400
Total Cash Receipts	**375,164**	**408,182**

Fishery (excludes Aquaculture)

Fish Landings by Species – Quantity (Tonnes)

	1998	2002
Hake	19,438	17,097
OtherGroundfish	66,020	55,158
Pelagic & Estuarial	85,465	97,660
Scallops	48,795	90,550
Lobster	19,527	23,988
Other Shellfish	40,992	56,930
Miscellaneous	17,611	2,271
Total	**297,848**	**343,654**

Fishing Landings by Species – Value ($ Thousands)

	1998	2002
Haddock	20,325	26,786
Other Groundfish	78,194	57,439
Pelagic & Estuarial	34,023	39,754
Scallops	69,208	120,522
Lobster	236,347	334,409
Other Shellfish	99,081	151,061
Miscellaneous	5,330	1,338
Total	**542,508**	**731,309**

Forestry

Forest Production by Round Product (Thousands m^3)

		1998	2002
Provincial	Softwood	4,624	4,573
	Hardwood	297	416
	Total	**4,920**	**4,929**
Export	Softwood	563	666
	Hardwood	356	471
	Total	**920**	**1,127**
Total	Softwood	5,187	5,179
	Hardwood	653	887
	Total	**5,840**	**6,066**

Mining

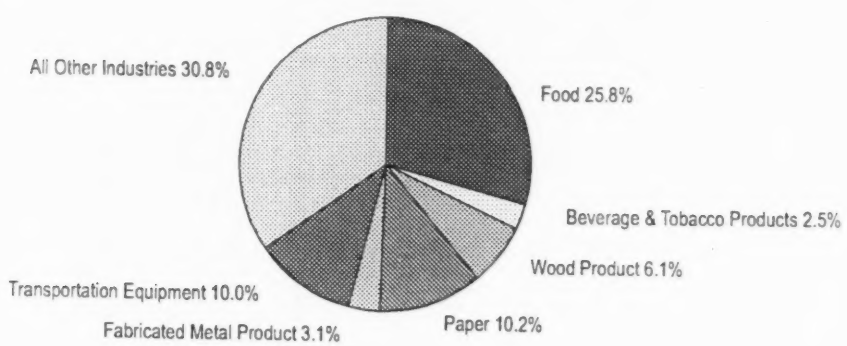
Mineral Production – by Value ($ Thousands)

	1998	2002[1]
Gypsum	72,857	86,936
Stone	45,348	55,570
Other Non-metals	87,137	104,937
Fuels (coal, natural gas, petroleum)	247,685	1,062,971
Total All Minerals	**453,027**	**1,310,414**

[1] *Preliminary*

Manufacturing

Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group (2002)



Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group ($ Millions)

	1998	2002
Food	1,729	2,234
Beverage & Tobacco Products	165	213
Wood Product	368	530
Paper	756	881
Plastic & Rubber Products	774	1,141
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	115	162
Fabricated Metal Product	207	264
Transportation Equipment	931	862
All Other Industries[1]	1,495	2,359
Total All Industries	**6,540**	**8,646**

[1]*Includes figures for industry data considered confidential or not listed above.*

Construction

Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

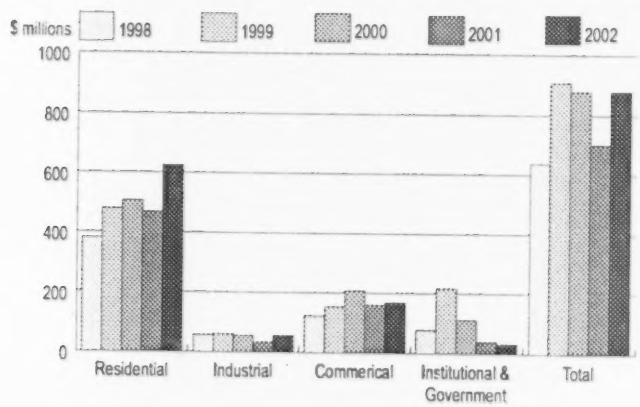
Expenditures	2001(a)	2002(pa)	2003(ri)
Construction	3,116.0	3,304.3	3,606.5
Machinery & Equipment	1,876.2	2,326.2	1,911.1
Total	**4,992.2**	**5,630.5**	**5,517.5**

a – actual, pa – preliminary actual, ri – revised intention

Housing Starts by Type (No. of Units)

	1998	2002
Single Detached	2,257	3,363
Semi-Detached & Duplex	290	253
Row	89	144
Apartment	501	1,210
Total	**3,137**	**4,970**

Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)



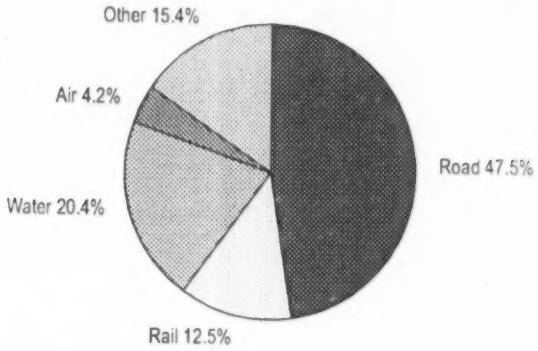
Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)

	1998	2002
Residential	381.3	624.0
Industrial	55.9	54.1
Commercial	123.0	167.8
Institutional & Government	76.9	31.5
Total	**637.0**	**877.3**

Service Producing Sectors

Transportation

Trade Exports by Mode of Transport (2002)



Air Air Canada, Air Transat, Continental Express and several charter services operate out of the Halifax International Airport, offering regular flights to all Canadian destinations as well as international service to Boston, New York, Bermuda, London, Glasgow and points beyond. Major airports with service connecting to all key Atlantic Canadian destinations are also located in Yarmouth and Sydney. Numerous smaller facilities are located throughout the province to serve private craft and flying clubs.

Rail CN operates the primary inland rail connection linking regional and international shippers to markets throughout Canada and the United States. In addition, CN offers access to an extensive intermodal service through its Halifax Richmond Terminal and service to two container terminals. There are two shortline railways under provincial jurisdiction providing service to regional and local shippers. The Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway (CB&CNS) operates from Sydney to Truro where it interchanges with CN. The Windsor and Hantsport Railway (WHRC) operates between Windsor Junction and New Minas, connecting with CN in Windsor Junction. VIA Rail operates the Ocean, a six-day a week transcontinental passenger rail service, between Halifax and Montreal.

Road There are approximately 23,000 kilometers of highways in Nova Scotia. The TransCanada and 100-series highways are all-weather, mostly controlled-access and rapid transit that join with the New Brunswick TransCanada Highway to points in Canada and the United States. Highway 104 includes a section of four lane toll highway. Acadian Lines provides a bus link to most major communities within the province and there are also a number of regional and local bus services. Over 600,000 persons have road motor vehicle operator's licences, and total vehicle registration in fiscal 2002 numbered 546,260.

Water Numerous ports dot the coastline of the province. The Port of Halifax is one of the world's finest and most sophisticated deep-water ports and is ideally suited to 21st century sea-going trade and commerce. It offers a 21 metre-deep ice free harbour with easy approaches and two of the most modern container terminals in the world, each with on-dock rail service and the capability to handle the most varied ro-ro and dimensional load cargoes, as well as the largest container ships. Handling about 14 million tonnes of cargo a year, the Port of Halifax is the first westbound and last eastbound port of call on the continent, offering the shortest ocean voyage times for trade across the North Atlantic, through the Mediterranean, into the Suez and around the world. Car/passenger ferry service connects between Bar Harbor and Portland, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland to North Sydney, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick to Digby, Nova Scotia; and between Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island and Caribou, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Trade

Retail Trade ($ Millions)

	2000	2001	2002
Supermarkets & Grocery Stores	2,061	2,231	2,349
Motor Vehichle & Recreational Vehicle Dealers	2,030	2,023	2,135
General Merchandise Stores	942	919	1,008
Gasoline Service Stations	822	826	829
Drugs & Patent Medicine Stores	540	572	614
Other	2,090	2,132	2,237
Total Retail Sales	**8,485**	**8,703**	**9,172**
Per Capita($'s)Nova Scotia	9,017	9,229	9,706

Wholesale Trade ($ Millions)

	2002	% Change 2001-02
Nova Scotia	7,298	4.3
Canada	418,797	6.2

International Trade - Nova Scotia Exports by Destination ($ Millions)

	1998	2002
United States	2,807	4,368
Other European Community	352	285
Japan	140	219
United Kingdom	136	64
Other Countries	350	416
Total	**3,785**	**5,352**

Nova Scotia Exports by Major Commodity Groups ($ Millions)

	1998	2002
Fish & Fish Preparations	908	1,236
Paper & Paperboard	390	541
Transportation Equipment	411	168
Wood Pulp & Similar Pulp	185	190
Non-Metallic Minerals, Mineral Fuels	219	972
Lumber	163	213
Other Commodity Groups	1,509	2,032
Total	**3,785**	**5,352**

Nova Scotia Imports ($ Millions)

	1998	2002
Total	**5,090**	**5,138**

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	2001(a)	2002(pa)	2003(ri)
Finance & Insurance Industries	283.9	236.4	282.7
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing Services	238.8	247.1	239.8

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Selected Community, Business & Personal Services

Community, Business & Personal Services - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	2001	2002	2003
Information & Cultural Industries	322.9	325.9	290.8
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	51.4	47.7	50.4
Educational Service Industries	171.3	145.0	159.3
Health Care & Social Assistance Industries	105.5	166.7	147.3
Accommodation & Food Service Industries	46.6	24.9	21.2

Hospitals (2002)

	Number	Beds
Public General	33	2,431
Psychiatric	1	225
Maternity/Pediatric	1	282
Total	**35**	**2,938**

Long-Term Care Facilities (2002)

	Number	Beds
Total	74	5,904

Educational Institutions

	Number	Enrollment Full-time
Universities (2002/03)	11	33,919
Post Secondary Colleges (2000/01)	5	7,085
Private & Public Schools, Grades Primary to 12 (2001/02)	511	149,111

Communications (2003)

TV Broadcasting Source Stations	10
AM & FM Stations	22
Internet Usage (2001)	57.4%

Tourism

		1999	2002
Impact			
Receipts ('000)		$1,218,000	$1,300,000
People Employed		35,900	34,700
Non-resident visitors (Jan 1-Dec. 31)			
Mode of Travel	Automobile	1,459,700	1,470,400
	Recreational Vehicle	109,000	101,000
	Motorcoach	103,300	106,000
	Air	538,000	503,000
	Total	**2,210,000**	**2,180,400**
Origin (%)			
Atlantic Canada		52.0	55.0
Other Canada		29.0	28.0
International		19.0	18.0

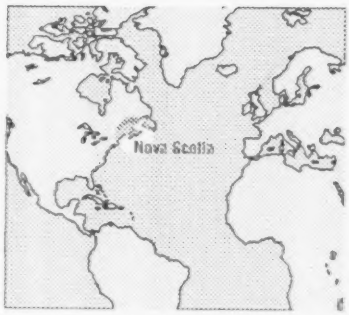
Accommodations (2002)	*Fixed Roof*	*Campsites*
Supply of Rooms/Sites	17,844	11,309
Room/Site Nights Sold ('000)	2,630	804
Annual Occupancy Rate	54%	41%

Public Administration

Employment	1998	2002
Federal	29,603	26,955
Provincial	49,828	50,265
Local	25,877	26,530
Total	**105,308**	**103,750**

Geography

The Province of Nova Scotia covers an area of 55,000 sq. km. The mainland part of the Province is connected to New Brunswick and the remainder of Canada by the 28 km. Isthmus of Chignecto. Cape Breton Island is joined to the mainland by the Canso Causeway. Nova Scotia is located at 59° to 67° Longitude and 43° to 48° Latitude. This places Halifax, the capital city, south of Paris, Vienna, Minneapolis and Portland, Oregon. The overall length of the Province is 575km, while the average width is 130km. The coastline stretches for 7,400km.



Climate

Average daily temperatures at Halifax range from – 4.6° Celsius in January to + 17.5° Celsius in July. Rainfall on an annual basis averages 1,178.1 millimeters.

Sources

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